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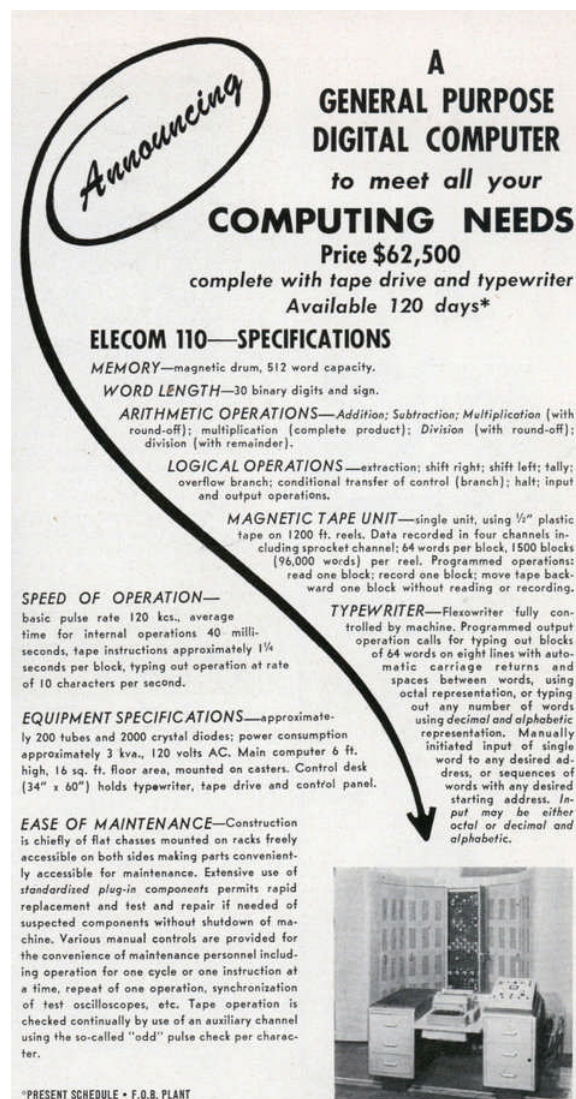
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Not too shabby for \$62K in 1952, this thing operates at .12Mhz has roughly 2K of memory and each tape holds around 360K.

Plus for all you case modders, it already comes with 200 glowing tubes. Try to beat that with your little LEDs.



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### A GENERAL PURPOSE DIGITAL COMPUTER

to meet all your  
**COMPUTING NEEDS**

Price \$62,500  
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Available 120 days\*

#### ELECOM 110—SPECIFICATIONS

**MEMORY**—magnetic drum, 512 word capacity.  
**WORD LENGTH**—30 binary digits and sign.

**ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS**—Addition; Subtraction; Multiplication (with round-off); multiplication (complete product); Division (with round-off); division (with remainder).

**LOGICAL OPERATIONS**—extraction; shift right; shift left; tally; overflow branch; conditional transfer of control (branch); halt; input and output operations.

**MAGNETIC TAPE UNIT**—single unit, using 1/2" plastic tape on 1200 ft. reels. Data recorded in four channels including sprocket channel; 64 words per block, 1500 blocks (96,000 words) per reel. Programmed operations: read one block; record one block; move tape backward one block without reading or recording.

**SPEED OF OPERATION**—basic pulse rate 120 kcs., average time for internal operations 40 milliseconds, tape instructions approximately 1 1/4 seconds per block, typing out operation at rate of 10 characters per second.

**EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**—approximately 200 tubes and 2000 crystal diodes; power consumption approximately 3 kva., 120 volts AC. Main computer 6 ft. high, 16 sq. ft. floor area, mounted on casters. Control desk (34" x 60") holds typewriter, tape drive and control panel.

**EASE OF MAINTENANCE**—Construction is chiefly of flat chassis mounted on racks freely accessible on both sides making parts conveniently accessible for maintenance. Extensive use of standardized plug-in components permits rapid replacement and test and repair if needed of suspected components without shutdown of machine. Various manual controls are provided for the convenience of maintenance personnel including operation for one cycle or one instruction at a time, repeat of one operation, synchronization of test oscilloscopes, etc. Tape operation is checked continually by use of an auxiliary channel using the so-called "odd" pulse check per character.

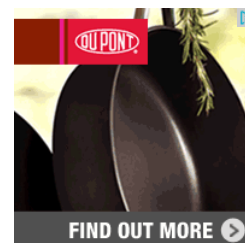
**TYPEWRITER**—Flexewriter fully controlled by machine. Programmed output operation calls for typing out blocks of 64 words on eight lines with automatic carriage returns and spaces between words, using octal representation, or typing out any number of words using decimal and alphabetic representation. Manually initiated input of single word to any desired address, or sequences of words with any desired starting address. Input may be either octal or decimal and alphabetic.

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